



Clinton Township Middle School

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Community & **T**eamwork **M**otivate **S**uccess

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Dear CTMS Families:

We extend a warm welcome to all our returning students and families and to those who are new to our school district or area. I hope your summer has gone well and you are excited for the beginning of the 2017-18 school year. The last remaining days of summer are flying by and school is in full preparation mode. The halls are gleaming and classrooms are being readied for the first day of school, Tuesday, September 5th. The beginning of the year is always filled with great anticipation, expectation and excitement of what is to come.

On Thursday, August 31, 2017, we are having our *School Visitation Day* from 12:30 - 1:30 pm. We are looking forward to meeting new students and parents and welcoming back familiar faces. During this time, you are invited to take a self-guided tour of the building to meet the teachers, and to find your homeroom, and classroom locations.

Times have been staggered to accommodate families who have children in multiple schools. Adhering to the time schedule below will allow our teachers to complete setting up their classrooms for the beginning of the school year. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

CTMS: 12:30 - 1:30 RVS: 1:00 - 2:00 PMG: 1:30 - 2:30 SRS: 2:00 - 3:00

The CTMS motto **C**ommunity & **T**eamwork **M**otivate **S**uccess is a mantra that we live by. We recognize that, in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email or call me.

We look forward to seeing you on the 31st and then again at our Back to School Nights.

Sincerely,

Judi Hammond, Principal



CTMS NEWS

Community & Teamwork Motivate Success
August 17, 2017

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

August

- 8/21 BOE Meeting @ CTMS, 7:30 PM
8/31 School Visitation Day ~ CTMS: 12:30 – 1:30

September

- 9/5 First Day of School for Students
9/18 CTMS Picture Day
Grade 7 - Back-to-School Night, 7:00 PM
9/19 Grade 8 - Back-to-School Night, 7:00 PM
9/20 Rosh Hashanah
9/22 CTMS Dance 7:00-9:00PM
9/25 BOE Meeting @ CTMS, 7:30 PM
9/29 School Closed - Yom Kippur Observance



New CTMS Staff

Please join me in welcoming staff that are new to CTMS.

- Ms. Julie Tepper – Special Educator
- Mrs. Barbara Pisani - Teacher's Assistant
- Mrs. Theresa Fernandes – Teacher Assistant
- Mrs. Mala Chakraborty - Teacher Assistant

CTMS Interscholastic Sports Program and Ski Club 2017-18

If your child is planning on participating in the CTSD Interscholastic Sports Program, Ski or Golf Club please visit the website below to find information which outlines what is needed for participation.

<https://www.onsourcesystems.com/school/webpage/13166147/1379754>

The Scholastic Student Athlete Safety Act mandates that in order for a student to be cleared for sports participation and/or athletic related clubs specific forms must be completed and reviewed by our school doctor. We have compiled these forms into a sports packet. The packet is due into the Health Office by the following dates:

Fall Sports/Clubs Season: Paperwork due August 17, 2017 **No further applications can be accepted for the Fall season**

Winter Sports/Clubs Season: Paperwork due October 27, 2017

Spring Sports/Clubs Season: Paperwork due February 23, 2018

Under no circumstances will a student be cleared for participation in a sport if all forms are not completed and on file in the Health Office by the dates listed above.

Please call the main office 908 238-9141 or email mbeha@ctsdnj.org with questions or concerns.

**Clinton Township Middle School Staff
2017-18**

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Grade 8		Grade 7		Support Staff
Team 8 - South	Team 8 - North	Team 7 - East	Team 7 - West	
Mrs. T. Cantagallo (ELA)	Mr. C. Roberto (ELA)	Mrs. J. Baxter (ELA)	Mrs. B. Birken (ELA)	Mrs. K. Gallo 7th Math Resource Room
Mr. B. Cozin. (SS).	Mrs. J. Selbo-Gross (SS) TBD (MLR)	Ms. C. Giordano (SS)	Mr. D. Greco (SS)	Mrs. K. Prall 7th & 8th ELA Resource Room
Ms. R. Kiefer (Math)	Mrs. M. Chynoweth (Math)	Mrs. M. Di Giovanni (Math)	Ms. S. Parsh (Math)	Ms. J. Tepper Autism Class
Mrs. S. Damanakis (Sci)	Ms. S. Abrams (Sci)	Mrs. D. Daniello (Sci)	Mrs. J. Comerford (Sci)	Mrs. L. Niebuhr 7th & 8th Literacy Support
Ms. M. Guidi (ICS M/ELA/Sci/SS)	Mrs. C. Mann (ICS Math/Sc, RR Math)	Ms. A. Gittins (ICS 7E & 7W)		Mrs. J. Kinkead 7th & 8th Math Support
	Mrs. A. Dandeo (ICS ELA/SS)	Mrs. F. Lin (ICS 7E & 7W)		Ms. P. Moran 7th & 8th In-District Solutions
Mrs. K. Mueller 8th Guidance Counselor 8th Transition Coordinator		Mrs. J. Gitto (ICS 7E, ICS7W, ICS 8N & Sci Resource Room)		Mrs. M. Beha Nurse
Speech Language Specialist TBD	Ms. K. Collins CST-School Psychologist	Mrs. K. Prall (ICS 7E)		Mrs. L. Siefert P/T Nurse
Ms. K. Siedenburg CST-LDTC	Mrs. R. Taft CST- Social Worker	Mrs. P. Stanwick ICS 7E		CTMS Office Staff Mrs. E. Saccente Mrs. C. Gugliandolo (AM) Mrs. J. Hansen (PM)
Mrs. J. Slagus Occupational Therapist		TBD (ICS 7E & ELA RR)		
<u>Tech Apps</u> Mrs. L. Waddell	<u>Art</u> Ms. C. Lindaberry	Mrs. K. Squindo 7th Grade Counselor SAC Coordinator		<u>Teacher Assistants</u> Mrs. D. Hauck Mrs. R. Mastroianni Mrs. B. Pisani Mrs. E. Smolyn Mrs E. Tracey Mrs. Chakroborty Mrs. Fernandes
<u>World Language</u> Mrs. G. Balog - Spanish Rm. 152 TBD - Spanish Rm. 153		<u>Physical Education</u> Mr. D. Helmstetter Mrs. E. Jacobsen	<u>Health</u> Mr. B. Ruge	
<u>Enrichment</u> Ms. D. Cormican	<u>Library/ Media</u> Mrs S. Gitomer	<u>Instrumental Music</u> Mr. S. Schaefer	<u>Chorus & Comp. Music</u> Mr. R. Tarriff	
Mr. C. McCatharn Day Custodian	Mr. N. Lombardo Evening Custodian	Mr. V. Samit Evening Custodian	Mr. R. Lamoreaux Evening Custodian	Mrs. J. McKinney Evening Custodian



CTMS INFO-AT A-GLANCE

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 908-238-9141
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Secretaries

Mrs. Elizabeth Saccente, ext 201
Mrs. Cindy Gugliandolo, ext 200
Mrs. Jean Hansen, ext. 200

Principal

Ms. Judith Hammond, ext 201
jhammond@ctsdnj.org

Assistant Principal

Mrs. Michele Cone, ext 203
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Guidance Counselors

Mrs. Kerry Mueller, Grade 8, ext 208
Mrs. Kendra Squindo, Grade 7, ext 209

School Nurse

Mrs. Michele Beha, ext 206
Mrs. Lisa Siefert, (part-time), ext 206

District Website

<http://www.ctsdnj.org/>

Buses



Please know the number of your child's bus. This will help us assist you if there are any concerns with pick-ups or drop-offs. The district transportation liaison is Mrs. Debbie Krupp. She can be contacted at 908-236-7235, press 9, ext. 512. Bus safety rules are listed in the district calendar and in the CTMS Student Handbook.

School Hours

Regular Hours: 7:55 AM- 2:20 PM
Early Dismissal: 7:55 AM - 11:55 AM
Delayed Openings: 9:55 AM - 2:20 PM

Early Alert

Please report absences and/or tardiness prior to the opening of the school day using the 'Early Alert' line 908-238-9141: Press 1

Emergency Closings

Regular sessions of school are cancelled only in the case of emergencies. Notice of closing can be found on:

WBUD: 101.5 FM www.nj1015.com
WODE: 69 FM Radio www.wfmz.com
District/School Website: www.ctsd.k12.nj.us

CTMS Phone: 908-238-9141

Parents will also be contacted by phone through CTSD Messenger Alert System.

Pick~Up and Dismissal

School Dismisses at 2:20 p.m.

For safety reasons, parents must use SIDE LOT when collecting students. Students should be picked up promptly at the end of the day and after any school activity.

Early pickups must be made before 2:00 p.m. so the regular dismissal runs smoothly. For the safety of our students, requests for changes in dismissal should be made in writing and delivered to the main office in the morning.

Students cannot be left unsupervised. Therefore, students who are not picked up in a timely manner will be required to wait in the atrium until a parent comes.

We understand that sometimes there is an unexpected change in plans. We will notify your child through the "end-of-day" announcements as we will not interrupt academic instructions.



Lunch

The cost of lunch is \$3.20. Snacks are sold for an additional charge. Monthly menus are available on the school website. Students may use cash or the automated lunch point-of-sale payment plan located on our website.

PowerSchool Parent Portal

Grades: Parents can view current student progress and grades through Parent Portal. Marking period grades are assigned 4 times throughout the year and will be viewed through Parent Portal. A paper copy of all 4 marking period grades will be issued at the end of the year. Conferences are held at the conclusion of the 1st marking period. If you ever have any questions about your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher.

To access Parent Portal: <https://ctsd.powerschool.com/public>

Need Help? Email: parenthelp@ctsdnj.org

Lost & Found



Found items are placed in the nurse's office. Please label clothing with your child's first and last name. Unclaimed items are donated to a local charity at the end of each month.

Forgotten Items

When bringing 'forgotten' items to school (lunch, money, homework, clothing), please drop the item(s) off on the 'Courtesy Cart' in the atrium which your child can access throughout the day. We do not interrupt academic learning for such items.

School Mascot: Hawk

School Colors: Burgundy, White, & Black



School Motto: Community & Teamwork Motivate Success.

Health & Guidance

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's health please call our nurse: Mrs. Michele Beha, ext 206, or our Guidance Counselors: Mrs. Kendra Squindo, 7th grade, ext 209, or Mrs. Kerry Mueller, 8th grade, ext 208.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES: Superintendent

Dr. Pamela Fiander
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Secretary to the Superintendent:
Sherry Bobal, press 9, ext 519

Business Administrator

Mr. Edward McManus
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Secretary to the Business Administrator:
Cheryl Zarra, press 9, ext 514

Supervisor of Instruction, Data, & Assessment

Mrs. Joanne Hinkle
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Secretary - Curriculum & Instruction:
Michele LaFevre, press 9, ext 590

Director of Curriculum

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Michele LaFevre, press 9, ext 590

Director of Special Services

Mrs. Alice Steinheimer
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Secretary - Special Services:
Michelle Nor, press 9, ext 595

Supervisor of Technology

TBD
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Important Information

CTMS and district information can be found on the district website. All CTMS teachers have a webpage which is regularly updated with relevant and timely information regarding school events.

<http://clintoncms.ss9.sharpschool.com/>

Sports & Clubs

We offer a variety of sports activities, music opportunities, and after-school clubs. Please visit the CTMS website for specific information.

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